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SERIOUS DISTURBANCE AT HARPER'S FERRY. -It will be seen by reference to a telegraphic despatch, in another column of this morning's Gazette, that a serious disturbance is reported to have occurred at Harper's Ferry yesterday. The War Department on receipt of information of the disturbance, ordered three companies of troops from Fort Monroe to Harper's Ferry, Col. Robert Lee U. S. A. in command; also, 80 Marines from headquarters at Washington Lieut. Israel Green in command.

The public will receive with regret the news of the death of Hon. JOHN Y. MASON, our Minister at the Court of France. The Baltimore Sun says, "Mr. Mason died suddenly of apoplexy, an affection of which he had a serious visitation a year or so ago, but had so far recovered as in the meantime to give full attention to the duties of his important mission. He was a native of Virginia, in which State he had held high trusts. and was appointed Minister to France by President Pierce, which post he has held ever since. He had previously, under the administration of President Polk, been Secretary of the Navy, succeeding the Hon. George Bancroft, in September, 1846, when that distinguished gentleman resigned the post. During Mr. Mason's sojourn in France, where he had been accompanied by his family, all Americans visiting its capital have testified to his efficient courtesies, while his diplomatic services have generally been regarded as able and befitting a representative of the United States."

The last public position he held in his native State, was as a member of the Convention for framing the new Constitution of the Commonwealth--and over this body he presided with credit to himself, and to the entire satisfaction of his fellow-members.

Lord John Russell has been presented with the freedom of the city of Aberdeen, and in his speech on the occasion he entered upon sundry political questions. In speaking of Italy he took occasion to declare that England would never, under his auspices, enter into the contest unless the rights of the people of Italy to govern themselves without the interference of foreign coercion, were recognised. At the same time he declared his firm belief that neither Austria nor France would use any compulsion with the people of Central Italy.

The Common Conneil of New York have passed resolutions of condolence and of respect to the memory of the late Senator Broderick, of California, in one of which they declare "that, as observers of Senator Broderick's public and private career in California, and also in the Senate of the United States, we are not unmindful of the frequent and chivalrous manner in which he, even at the risk of his life, defended, on all occasions, the honor of this city and its cit-

Major Robert Ellis, formerly of Washingten city, was found dead in his bed at New Orleans on the 8th instant. He was engaged with Lopez in Cuba, and received a wound in an engagement that prevented his escape. He was pardoned by General Concha.— When Walker was in such a straight in Nicaragua he attempted to reach him with Col. Lockridge's party, and led the assault on Fort Castillion, where he was struck in the forehead by a Minnie ball, which made the circuit of his head and came out near the

A London letter states that Admiral Hope is generally condemned by his own profession for attacking the works at the mouth of the Peiho without sufficient careful reconnoisance. The writer thinks the Admiral's personal courage and fortitude when severely wounded are no compensation for the loss of so many precious lives and grave national consequences that may follow his

The Republican party will gain three United States Senators by the result of the October elections, viz:-a Senator to be elected in Pennsylvania in place of Mr. Bigler, a Senator in Ohio in place of Mr. Pugh, and one in Minnesota, in place of General Shields. The Senatorial terms of Messrs. Bigler and Pugh close on the 4th March. 1861; that of General Shields has already expired.

Senator Toombs is reported to have paid the Hon. J. J. Crittenden the following high and deserved compliment, in a recent speech at Washington, Georgia: "There is no man in the country more reliable than Critten- that they support the republican nominee den. While he (Mr. Toombs) differed from Mr. Crittenden, there is no man more honest or honorable, or more ready to stand by the rights of the South in the Squate or the battle field."

The irou steamer Contest has been recently built at Boston. She is intended to run The House will probably be ready to termion the Hoogly river, or on the coast, as a nate the session by the middle of May.passenger and freighting vescel. Beston capitalists are also building the machinery for a new steamer for the Boston and Philadelphia line; also, two iron steamships, of 1,200 tons, for the Boston and Southern Steamship Company, to run between Boston

The Africa brings news to the effect that the tenders for the British government contracts for beef and pork are all in, and that the Irish bids for the former articles range from 6 to £7 for beef, considerably under the American tenders. Irish pork is tendered at 6 19 to £7 10s. per tierce. On the latter there is no competition allowed on the part of American packers.

Mr. Rarey has recently completed the iustruction of his first batch of English cavalry rough-riders, 20 in number. He pauses at this point, in order that his system may be fairly tested for a few months' experience of these men in their own regiments. Some remarkable cases of cure of rooted habits of vice in troop-horses, have been effected by Mr. Rarey.

It is highly probable, from present appearances, that if there were only two Presidential candidates in the field, an Administration Democratic candidate, and a "Republican" candidate, the latter would succeed. Why will not conservative men, then, unite, to nominate a National Conservative candidate, and unite to support him when nominated? The best interest of the country are concerned in a change of administrative policy, and the same interests are equally concerned in defeating a mere sectional organization .-The way to do both effectually, is to have a National candidate with Whig principles.

The Lancaster (Ohio) Eagle describes a miniature machine shop which Mr. A. T. Mason, of Basil, made with his pen-knife .--The shop is fully equipped and in working order, and formed the recreation work of Mr. M's leisure hours during the past year. The size of the frame-work is about four by five feet, in which stand a small locomotive in complete trim; a double engine, circular saw, mortising apparatus, &c.; in fact the whole building is filled throughout with machinery, all of which runs by the turning of a single

There is a report that the Princess Alice, of England, Queen Victoria's second daughter, has expressed a wish to turn Roman Catholic, thereby resigning her "royal dowry."-The Court papers insinuate that this step is preparatory to an alliance with the young (ing of Portugal, who has lately lost his wife. While in England a few years since he attracted the attention of the Princess, but religion was in the way and the affair was nipped in the bud. But, all this is doubtful.

The annual meeting of the missionary society of the Protestant Episcopal Church was held last week at Richmond, Virginia. Bishop Meade presiding. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Robert Nelmissionary to China; Captain S. F. Du Pont, of the United States navy; Bishop Scott, of Oregon, and Bishop Pavne, of Af-

Lately it was stated that a Mr. Black, of Newport, Pa., had died in consequence of an incision made by a rooster with his spurs, in the arteries of the hand, and that he imitated previous to his death the flapping and crowing of a rooster. The statement was generally doubted, but the Harrisburg Gazette is assured of its truth by a gentleman who was present at the death scene

The New York Post's correspondent at Rome, writing on September 24th, says:-The health of the Pope is so far restored that on the 19th of this month he proceeded to the church of Santa Maria Maggiore, and assisted at the celebration of mass in the Borghese chapel. He is further expected to pass a part of the ensuing month at his palce in Castel Gondolpho.

The will of the late Sir Jamsetijee Jejeebhoy, Bar., late of Bombay, Parsee merchant, was proved in the Supreme Court by his sons. The whole of his property, personal and real, was sworm under 85 lacs of rupees—£8,500,-

The Plaquemine (Louisiana) Gazette and Sentinel says that the present sugar crop will fall short 300,000 hhds. The cane is both short and small and the stand is not a good

Thomas Swann, esq., Mayor of Baltimore, as taken suddenly ill, on Saturday last. He recovered somewhat on Sunday, but stiff

is quite sick. Rev. C. B. Dana, of this place, has been appointed by the General Episcopal Convention, a member of the Board of Missions of

the Protestant Episcopal Church. A fire broke out in Baltimore, on Sunday morning last, which destroyed several houses on Lombard and Hanover streets.

The Governor of Pennsylvania has named Thursday, the 24th of November, as a day of Thanksgiving in that State.

Judge Douglas's rejoinder to Judge Black will appear in pamphlet form this week. It will make sixteen pages.

The Next Session of Congress.

The New York papers announce that the Associated Press will provide for a telegraphic report as full as formerly of the proceedings of both Houses of Congress during the coming season. The business of the ses-sion will probably be of much less interest than usual in many respects, except matters having reference to the presidential succes-sion. It will be a session for small politics and small politicians. The debates cannot be expected to be of a high order, considering their low objects. No subjects will be presented which can require statesmanship, or even much of ordinary legislative ability.

The estimates will be reduced to the lowest figures compatible with the operations of the government, and parties will be too watchful of each other to allow of combinations against the treasury for the prosecution of private interests. Each of the three or four parties in Congress will be occupied in attempted exposures of the demerits of the others .-The chief object of the majority of the House will be to assault the administration, and a

number of investigations will be ordered. The session will commence with intrigues for the House organization. The Republicans will attempt the election of Mr. Sherman or Mr. Grow as speaker, and the clerkship they will give to the nominee of the anti-Lecompton democrats, upon the condition

for the speakership. What effect the removal of desks from the House will have upon the proceedings of the House is a matter for experiment. Two consequences may, however, be predicted, to wit: the shortening of the daily sittings, and also, the abbreviations of the sessions. Wash. correspondence of Balt. Sun.

The Episcopal Convention.

RICHMOND, Oct. 15 .- A resolution was submitted to-day to adjourn sine die on the 21st inst., but it was laid on the table. A large number of resolutions and reports were presented, but no final action of importance was

It is rumored that the House of Bishops esterday refused to restore Bishop Ondermk. The vote is said to have stood 21 to 6, without discussion, but nothing is positively known by the public. The report by many is believed to be unfounded.

LYNCH LAW .- An attempt was made on Saturday night last by some of our citizens, to ride on rail a man answering to the name and description of James Lynch-the same person who was represented in the Free Press as having been arrested in Harper's Ferry on suspicion of tampering with slaves. They had succeeded so far as to get the man ference of our Mayor were debarred from any vain protested against his doings. As a last have full scope to do so, as the prospects are resource to end the scandal, the Bishop of that both pork and buckwheat will be "as herdstown (Va.) Register, 15th. herdstown (Va.) Register, 15th.

News of the Day.

"To show the very age and body of the TIMES." The New York Express says:-"The Erie and New York Central roads are doing a large business, and have agreed to advance flour five cents per bbl. The September business of the Erie road settles up well, and in spite of the Bergen strike, the month will nearly equal 1858.

Hon. Shepard Cary has raised this season on his farm in Houlton, Me., about 700 bushels of winter and spring wheat of the finest quality; 2,800 of oats; 400 of buckwheat; 3,500 of potatoes; 4,000 of turnips, besides other small crops, and keeps at his place stock to correspond.

The reports of the Western Railroads continue favorable. It is stated that the Indianapolis and Cincinnati Company is having thirty car loads of corn per day, and will soon have demands for more rolling stock than it owns, as the crop along its line is

The capacity of the Great Eastern is 27,-000 bales; hence this vessel, clearing once in each month, would, in 1820, have carried the whole cotton crop, but would now carry but one-fourth of it.

Milne Edwards has been making some experiments in feeding animals whose limbs he had broken, with phosphate of lime. Out of six rabbits and ten dogs, whose legs he broke in the same way, half were fed on food mixed with ground bones, and their bones united much more rapidly than those of the unphosphated animals. He thinks the use in human cases would be decidedly benefi-

The St. Louis Democrat says that lager beer is a drug in the St. Louis market this fall, as the unusual quantity manufactured last winter has left a stock on hand that cannot be exhausted by the regular demand .-To get rid of this, brewing must be deferred until it is sold, or it must be mixed with the new beer of this winter's brewing. The Democrat infers that there has been a reluction in the consumption of the article. A new dodge has been introduced by Paris

thieves. They resort to a trick of taking silver spoons and forks in the restaurants. and attaching them with sealing wax under the table. The operator then walks out, and soon after a confederate comes in, seats himself at the same, table, and pockets the articles with impunity.

Sam'l Peters, foreman at the depot of the Richmond and Petersburg railroad, in Richmond, and L. H. Leonard, a speculator in old metal, were examined before the Mayor of Richmond last week, on the charge of defrauding the railroad company out of \$200 worth of brass and other metal.

The New York State Assessors have published their report, equalizing the valuation of the real estate of the several counties .the school tax, will be a quarter of a cent on

Captain John Poisal, aged 84 years, one the oldest citizens of Martinsburg, Va., died on Friday of last week. On the same day his daughter, Mr. Elizabeth Stephens, Shepherdstown, died very suddenly.

Mr. Lewis Lepage, a native of France, and for 50 years a resident of Norfolk, died in that city last week, in the 87th year of his

Lady Franklin has spent all her fortune in Arctic researches. She is in the south of France in ill health.

A new postoffice is established at the Agri cultural College, Prince George's county, Md .. and John O. Wharton appointed postmaster.

News from Washington.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 .- The plan to raise funds for the completion of the Washington national monument, through the medium of the postoffices throughout the United States, bids fair to prove successful. Several hundred postmasters have already notified Lieut. Ives, the engineer in charge, that they have placed boxes within their offices, for the reception of contributions, and it is believed that a very large proportion of the whole will cooperate in the project.

From some offices returns for the first month have already been received. The town of Lynn, Mass., stands at the head of the list, having contributed \$46; Wheeling, Va., sent \$18 Washington, \$17; Baltimore and Portsmouth, Va., \$15 each; New York, New Haven; Charleston, Petersburg, Va., Montgemery, Ala., Windsor, N. C., and Fort Smith, rk., each about \$10; Newport, R. I., Pittsburg, Pa., Augusta, LaGrange and Macon, Ga., Fredericksburg, Va., Hernando, Miss., and Tulip, Ark., from \$5 to \$8 each. Returns from about one hundred other towns range from \$5 down to 5 cents. If each community where there is a postoffice would every month contribute even the latter sum, a fund would accrue to the monument of over \$15,-000 per year. All of the letters containing remittances are put on record, and at stated intervals the amounts received and the names of the places by which they were contributed are to be published in the principal papers of each State.

Whatever newspaper speculations may be ndulged concerning the San Juan Islands dispute, it is known that both governments are treating the subject in a spirit of calmness, and there is nothing whatever to induce the belief that the entire matter will not be amicably adjusted.

The latest foreign advices from distinguished sources, as well as what has transpired in Washington, strengthen the assertion conerning the present state of the question.

The democratic National Committee, of which Judge Smalley of Vermont is chairman, and Hon. Clement L. Vallandigham. of Ohio, and others, are secretaries, will early this week issue an official notice for the meeting of the committee on the 7th of December, in this city, to fix the time for the neeting of the Charleston Convention.

THE SLAVERY AGITATION .- They have a singular way of showing that they "regard the slavery agitation as at an end." What but "slavery agitation" furnishes the staples of all the speeches of democratic speakersthe editorials of democratic newspapersand the harangues of democratic cross roads leaders? Why they have nothing else to stir up the country. Without that the party would run to seed in one moon. The leaders are now working it up into the form they think best suited to alarm the fears of the Southern people, and make a unit in the next Presidential election. No baker ever kneaded dough with half the persistent zeal they are displaying in getting "slavery agitation" in such a shape as to give them another rise.

A CHURCH BRAWL .- There has been a tremendous uproar raging in London for two or three months owing to riotous demonstrations taking place every Sunday in a church, in the east end of the city, known as "St. George's in the East." The rector, it apears, Puseyite, of the most advanced type, who has introduced divers innovations in costume, manner of conducting the service, &c., The result was that the congregation hooted him every Sunday, and the church wardens in

LATER FROM EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE NORTH BRITON. Death of Hon, Mr. Mason, U. S. Minister at

Paris .- The Peace Negotiations .- Italian

FATHER POINT, Oct. 16 .- The steamer North Briton, from Liverpool, with dates to the 5th inst., passed here at 3 o'clock this morning on her way to Quebec.

The steamer Europa arrived out on the 3d and the Anglo-Saxon on the 4th. The news by this arrival is not very impor-

Mr. Mason, the United States Minister Paris, had died suddenly of apoplexy. The steamer Great Eastern was to

Portland for Holyhead on the 8th inst. The latest accounts from Zurich say that all six of the Plenipotentiaries were present at the Conference on the 3d, at which the articles of the peace treaty were read over. The Paris Patrie says the treaty will be signed in a few days. It will confirm the cession of Lombardy, and contain the settlement of the Lombard debt. Central Italian affairs will be settled by the proposed

Congress. It was reported at Paris that Austria had consented to reduce the Piedmontese portion of the Lombard debt from four hundred million francs to a little more than half of that sum.

The London Times has another sharp artiole on the San Juan affair. It rejoices at Gen. Scott's mission, and trusts that there will be a pacific solution. Says the Island belongs to England, and pitches into Gen. Harney generally as a fillibuster, etc. ENGLAND. -The London builders' strike

continues. The transport ship Clara, with 400 soldiers and their wives and children, struck a rock in the Channel, but reached Portland in safety, though leaking badly.

The Times says that agents of the French. Austrian and Sardinian governments are so liciting tenders from English founders for a large quantity of rifled cannon.

FRANCE.—The Emperor Napoleon leaves Biarritz on the 10th inst., and stops two days at Bordeaux, where it is anticipated he will make a speech. The French army of observation will win

The latest rumor says that the preparations for a French expedition to China have been suspended, and that indications of backing down are apparent.

Marshall Niel's orders of the day on join ing his troops were construed into an admission that the peace was not likely to last

The London Herald's Paris correspondent says that nothing was heard on every side but preparations for war, and he gives a similar picture of the state of affairs in Austria and Sardinia.

Hon, Mr. Mason died on the 3d. General Changarnier had returned to

A letter from Paris says that the King of the Belgian's visit to Biarritz in relation to The State tax for the present year, including the Belgian debt to France was a perfect failure.

ITALY .- The Sardinian Government has sent a circular note to the representatives of the European Courts urging the formation of the kingdom of Upper Italy.

It was asserted that the Pope had ordered

is passports to be given to the Sardinian Minister, for giving rise to a collision between the Swiss troops and the neutral stations at Catholica. It was stated that there was an insurrectionary movement at Pa-

The Sardinian standard had been hoisted on the old palace at Florence and on all the public buildings.

The decrees of Tuscany and Bologna state "under the reign of His Majesty Victor Emmanuel '

Gen. Garibaldi had been enthusiastically received at Bologna.

The garrison of Ancona had been reinforced, and in the order of the day General Fanti promised that that "the tricolor of Italy, preceded by the old corps of Savoy, will precede the troops of Central, in fresh batles, and forever free Italy from the stran-

Gen. Garibaldi had summoned the Italianof the Legations to arms, and a collision was shortly expected. COMMERCIAL .-- LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Sales of the last three days 28,000 bales, including 6,000 bales for expert and 2,000 bales taken on peculation. The market closed quiet but steady Holders offer freely but show no disposition to press sales. New Orleans Middling 6g, Uplands Mid-

dling 6g.
Manchester advices are unfavorable. There is but little inquiry, and prices are weak and partially have slightly declined. LIVERPOOL BREADSTUFFS MARKET .- The market generally has a declining tendency. Flour was quiet at a decline of 6d to 1s per sack and barrel.

heat has a declining tendency and prices are ower. Corn is quiet but steady-no quotations are given. Some authorities say Breadstuffs close quiet-slow of sale, but prices unchanged. LIVERPOOL PROVISION MARKET.—The market generally is dull, but prices steady. Beef closes steady. Pork dull but prices steady. Becon is stendy. Pork dull but prices stendy. Bacon is quiet. Lard steady and in better demand—sales

t 55s. 6d @ 56s. LONDON MARKETS -Breadstuffs closed dull but prices steady. Corn is firm, with a considerable business in floating cargoes. Sugar is heavy.— Coffoe dull. Tea is slow of sale, but prices unset-

There is a vague rumor of a strike among the MONEY MARKET.—Consols 957 (2.952 for money and 95% for account.

English Operettas.

The first entertainment of these artistes at the French Theatre, Broadway, was brilliantly attended and completely successful. The pieces given are described as Parlor Operas, and we suppose that designation will answer, for the scenes are all domestic and in the locality of a room. The plots are such as include only two persons-Mr. and Mrs. Drayton. Considering how restricted must be the action of pieces for two performers, the first operetta was very good; the second not remarkable, and obscure in its intentions .--Imagine sprightly conversation, superior voices, pleasant music, good costumes, and artistic fluency, and you have the entire of the evening's work.

Mr. Drayton has a fine presence. voice is a noble bass, sympathetic, and so well trained and fresh that he can give upper notes with the softness of a tenor. He does not exaggerate, but sings with discretion and skill. His enunciation is excellent. He was immensely applauded. Mrs. Drayton has a well cultivated soprano, capable of executing florid music effectively. She was vehemently encored.

The plots of the pieces are unobjectionable in a moral sense, and the entertainment is altogether so novel, pretty and attractive, that it may be unreservedly commended to the lovers of sprightly dramatic and lyrical plays. It argues much cleverness on the part of these artistes, alone and unaided, to old the attention of an auditory—a large and intelligent one too-for a whole evening .-Mr. Drayton is an American, who made his studies at the Paris Conservatory. Mrs. Drayton is an English lady. They may be congratulated upon their success .- N. I'.

Tribune. BUCKWHEAT. -The new crop has made its appearance in our market. As the season buckwheat cakes and sausages is at hand. those who like to tickle their palates with these delicacies, (or substantials rather,) will Telegraphic Dispatches.

Sr. Louis, Oct. 15 .- Mr. Otero, the delegate to Congress from New Mexico, who arrived here yesterday, has informed the Republican that a general impression prevails there that various Indian tribes on the the Camanches and Kiowys are joined for sion:this purpose is a well authenticated fact, out any unnecessary delay.

Boston, Oct. 15.—At the horse show yes-

terday, the principal trot was between Co- third party of the North, has disappeared and ly Fall, and so far we have reason to lumbus and the Montreal stallion Live Oak. ceased to exist; and of mile heats, for a purse of \$500. Colum-2 min. 35½ sec.; the second 2 min. 36¼ sec., and the third in 2 min. 40 seconds. KALAMAZOO, MICH., Oct. 15 .- The great

trotting match for the citizen's purse of 000, came off here this afternoon at the National Horse Show course. Flora Temple won, making the best time on record, viz :beat, 2.193.

represent the incursions of the Indians as of the withdrawal of the United become fully aware, thus adding to their boldness and audacity. There was great alarm among the residents of the disturbed districts, but assistance, it was believed, would be shortly procured.

gaged in the recent conspiracy had commen- ing interposition of Mr. Buchanan. It was tention. An immense number of troops had been ordered out to preserve order during the trial. The brig African left Port-au-Prince, on the 20th, for New York, and this, they commenced the game of rule or the May Queen, on the 21st for Philadelphia. New Orleans, Oct. 15 .- Advices received here from Mr. Fowlkes report that his misthe affairs of the Pacific Railroad, has been have been beaten and trampled down, completely successful, and that he is now on from the lakes of Maine to the lakes of Minhis way to New Orleans. He will probably nesota, the democracy of the South have been reach the city to-morrow. Mr. Thompson, as was expected, has been elected President of the road to succeed Mr. Fowlkes.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15 .- The Fulton was have sailed to-day with the mails for Europe, but was withdrawn, and the mails forwarded by the City of Manchester via Cork.

Bosrox, Oct. 15 .- Upon an application of the bank commissioners, the Supreme Court this day issued a temporary injunction against the People's Five Cent Savings Bank in Hanover street. A deficiency has been discovered in the accounts of the treasurer. The amount of it has not been fully ascertained, but it is hoped that the deposits will not be endangered. The bank does only a limited business. The other savings banks of the city are in a safe and prosperous condition.

PORTLAND, ME., Oct. 15 .- Frederick Cumberland, esq., agent of the Great Eastern. who has come to make arrangements for her reception, arrived here vesterday from Cana-He has no doubt that the steamer wil leave for Portland, Me., in the latter part of October. When he left the company did not entertain the thought of her visiting any other port in America this trip but Portland, where it was expected she would remain about three weeks.

NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 15 .- The trial Patrick Maude for the murder of his sister. Mrs. Mary Turbutt, in the Fifth Ward of this city, on the evening of the 28th of May last, was concluded to-day, when the jury rendered a verdict of guilty of murder.

CHICAGO, Oct. 16 .- A fire occurred at the on, in this State, which destroyed twenty \$50,000; insured for \$15,000

CARLISLE, PA., Oct. 15 .- A large new stable attached to the U. S. barracks, at this place, was destroyed by fire last night, with

fifteen horses and a quantity of feed. Sr. Louis, Oct. 15 .- The steamer Maren go was sunk on Friday, twenty miles below here. The steamer Brunette was burnt at Bloody Island, opposite this city, yesterday.

Loss \$5,000. New York, Oct. 16.—The steamer Star of the West has arrived from California. Her advices have been anticipated.

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 15 .- Gov. Morgan having applied to Gen. Tremain for his opinion relative to the disputed jurisdiction over Oyster Island, between the States of New York and New Jersey, the Attorney General gives his opinion that the island clearly belongs to New York, and that New Jersey has no jurisdiction over the disputed terri

Let those Laugh who Win. There is no doubt of it, now Mr. Ward, our

Minister to China, has got into Pekin! True, the peculiar mode and manner of his getting there were probably not such as a foreign ambassador might naturally have anticipated but Mr. Ward is a sensible man enough to know that, when in China it is best to do as the Chinamen do. What if the High Mandarins did place him in a huge box, all closed up, with only a hole in the top to let in enough of oxygen to keep him from suffocating? What if they did, subsequently, place him, thus boxed up, upon a raft (Mississippi boat an-fashion,) and tow him up to Pekin? What if they did lay him out, next, on a truck and draw him into a court-yard, with high walls all around it, so that he couldn't see anything but the sky overhead? We say, what of it all? It is only the fashion-or, if you please, the etiseveral ways the Celestials have of showing respect to "distinguished strangers." stead of following the New York plan of presenting eminent foreigners with "the freedom of the city in a gold box," the Chinese prefer to place the man himself in the box. That is all. We have no doubt the Minister and his attendants were perfectly comfortable on the truck, on the raft, and in the box!this they have had a talk with the Emperor. see, speak of all this as an "indignity" to the

and procured the ratification of the Reed treaty. The English and French journals, we Americans. What nonsense! These gentlemen cannot see the point of the joke. Doubtless, they feel a little chagrin that Jonathan should have got into the imperial city at all ahead of them, without fighting and without fuss,-and so, as if to make us Yankees equally unhappy with themselves, they are trying o persuade us that our Brother of the "Sun. Moon and Stars" intended to insult us, in putting our Minister in a box, --- when, as we have shown, he only intended to honor us. Be that as it may, however, Jonathan is very apt to know when he is "insulted," or when any "indignity" is offered to him, without being informed of it by John Bull or Johnny Crapeau. Perhaps, therefore, it may not be an impertinence to suggest to our transatlantic friends the propriety of looking after their own "honor" in China, and permitting us Americans to look after ours, in our own way. New York Express.

ASTEROIDS NEAR MERCURY .- M. Leverrier, the discoverer of Neptune, has been engaged lately in studying aberrations of the planet Mercury. He finds that they must be due to the existence of small asteroids, and he calls on his brother astonomers to ordinary favorable opportunity for this. Photography affords a means of recording instantaneously whatever phenomena may appear.

| The sale at less than cost of importation, which is a base of the sale with the

Political Speculations and Remarks.

The late local elections in Pennsylvania. Ohio, Indiana, Iowa and Minnesota, unimportant and indecisive as they may be regarded touching the momentous question of the next Presidency, are pretty conclusive Plains design making attacks on the settle- upon three points. At all events, we draw use of it in seeding wheat, gathering ments of New Mexico this winter. That from them the following important conclu-

First-That the democratic party of the and in order to prevent open war a sufficient. Northern States is in that melancholy condinumber of troops should be sent there with tion of a sick man which affords no symptoms

of convalescence. Second-That the late great American, or

Third-That henceforward, to the close of bus was the winner, making the first heat in the Presidential campaign of 1860, there will be only two parties in the North-the republican and the democratic-and that into the one or the other of these two parties all the loose materials of the North, with some trifling exceptions, will be absorbed.

Upon the first point-the melancholy pros tration of the Northern democracy-very lit-First heat, 2.321; second heat, 2.221; third the is needed to explain the causes and chareat, 2.194.

New Orleans, Oct. 14.—Very late reports that "death of cold" which the party confrom the interior portions of Western Texas tracted from that desperate Southern Presidential experiment of Douglas and Pierce in very formidable and daring, in consequence 1854-the repeal of the Missouri Compromise. The instantaneous and overwhelming here since my last letter. There was a troops, concerning which fact they have now Northern revolution which followed that repeal will explain the whole mystery. The violent and impracticable movements of the Southern pro-slavery democracy in the way of retaliation have only contributed fresh fuel to the fire from that day to this. New Orleans, Oct. 16 .- Letters have been

Under this terrible pressure from both sides, the democratic party in 1856 would received in this city from Hayti as late as the 1st inst. The trial of the persons en- have been crushed to atoms but for the savced at Port-au-Prince, and excited much attention. An immense number of troops and a lesson which should have taught something of wisdom to the various factions roin with the new administration from the day it come into power and so while on account of these faithless and rebellious leaders sion to Marshall, Texas, in connection with and cliques, the democracy of the North degraded to a mere sectional faction upon the 'one idea" of slavery.

Our second consideration-the disappearance of the late great third party of the North only darkens still more this otherwise sufficiently gloomy prospect to the demoralized democracy. The materials of this late third party, upon the broad, general and practical issues of the federal government, are the natural allies of the republicans. It is only upon Seward's "irrepressible conflict" with the South that they have hitherto stood aloof as a separate opposition camp. But now, as the republican party appear to be disposed to repudiate the extreme anti-slavery platform of Seward, and as the American party has died a natural death, the bulk of the loose materials of the latter will be absorbed by the former; for such are the manifestations of these October elections.

Thus, with the people of the North divided between two parties in 1860, instead of three, as in 1856, we may say, from the Northern elections of the last and present year, that in every Northern State this side of the Rocky Mountains the democracy will enter into the contest as a demoralized minority party. How they will emerge from the battle is another question; but, from the general drift of the tide of these October elections the dullest politician cannot fail to perceive, that an opposition President may be elected in 1860 without the electoral vote of a solitary Southern State.

To this complexion of our political affairs have we been brought by that desperate corner of Main and Hennepin streets, Dix- Southern electioneering experiment of Doug- society a pleasant relief from the jars of the las and Pierce in 1854, the Kansas-Nebraska buildings, occupied by business firms. Loss | bill, and its appendages of sectional agitation. The democracy of the North are prostrated and broken up by one sectional party, while the democracy of the South are themselves reduced to a mere sectional camp. Between these two sectional parties there yet remains, however, a conservative opposition Southern party, and it will prove, we hope, a lucky accident which at this crisis has given this conservative party the balance of power in the new Congress. Here we recognise the nucleus of a great national opposition coalition; and in this we may possess the only safeguard against a sectional collision which

may rend the Union into fragments. These October elections may contribute to make the Seward engineers of the Republican camp somewhat overbearing in the matter of the House organization; but a bold and firm front on the part of the Southern opposition party will not only enable them to decide the House organization, but to divert the republican party in 1860 from a sectional disunion conflict, to a grand national jubilee, like that of 1840 .- N. Y. Herald.

Duelling.

At the funeral ceremonies of Senator Broderick, an oration was delivered by Col. E. D. Baker, in which is contained the follow

ing paragraph on duelling: "One year ago I performed a duty such as I perform to-day, over the remains of Senator Ferguson, who died, as Broderick died, tangled in the meshes of the code of honor. To-lay there is another and more eminent sacrifice. To-day I renew my protest; today I utter yours. The code of honor is a delusion and a snare; it palters with the here; and Maury and Ellis, and Henninghope of a true courage and binds it at the and Henry, and Anderson, are here, at feet of crafty and cruel skill. It surrounds its victim with the pomp and grace of the procession, but leaves him bleeding on the altar. It substitutes cold and delicate prepa- qui grave-gold yieldings. They have no ration for courageous and manly impulse, quette-of the country! All these were but and arms the one to disarm the other; it may prevent fraud between practiced duellists who should be forever without its pale, but it makes the mere "trick of the weapon" superior to the poblest cause and the truest courage. Its pretence of equality is a lie-it is equal in all the form, it is unjust in all the substance-the habitude of arms, the early training, the frontier life, the border war, the sectional custom, the life of leisure, all And as little doubt have we, that long ere these are advantages which no negotiation peculiar glossiness caught my eye, else, per can neutralize, and which no courage can

> The Paris (Ky.) Flag states that the country in and around "Head Quarters," Nicholas county, in that State, had been for many weeks terribly excited about a "big wedding," at which everybody was to be present, and which was to come off regardless of expense. The parties to be married were presiding.
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> Mr. James II — and Miss Anna Y. J — The Grand Jury made but one pressure. Mr. James H --- and Miss Anna Y. J-Everything went on smoothly till the night before the wedding (the marriage was to take place in the morning and the jollification to last all day,) when the young lady, instead of going to her bed, packed up a few clothes, and at midnight left the house in wealth. There was but one at this Court company Mr. Frank C---, and, as fast as horseflesh could carry them, sped for Aberdeen, Ohio, where as day was breaking, they were married.

SALAD OIL, English Glycerine, Transparent Soap, Oil Lemon, Oil Lavender, Black Pomade, Lilly White, Charcoal Tooth Paste, Court Plaster, German Farina Cologne, Musk, Rouge Balls, Fancy Soaps, &c., just received and for sale by WM. A. HART, Druggist and Apothecary,

109 King-st., corner Pitt-st.

SUPER PHOSPHATE.—Whitlock's Super Phosphate of Lime, for sale by sep 21 WHEAT & BRO.

MEXICAN GUANO.—100 tons in stere, and for sale at less than cost of importation, wheat & BRO.

Letter from Lower Virginia

Correspondence of the Alexandria Go. RICHMOND COUNTY, VA., Oct. 13, 1858 We have had beautiful weather for an time past, and the farmers have made gas &c. I suppose about an average error wheat will be sown, though not as no guano used as there was last year, y

corn crop is good. There was a considerable frost last day, which has dispelled the fears of a se thankful, as there has been hardly a casbillious, typhoid, or ague and to

We have many new settlers cominus, mostly from Pennsylvania. The to be industrious and upright, and will an agreeable accession to our comm and, I dare say, their energy combined much skill in agriculture, will be an intive and useful incentive to some of onfashioned tillers of the soil. A spirit provement is perceptible through this w section of country, which, added to its tural advantages, will soon make it the den spot of Virginia." Nothing of much interest has happen

negro and a slave-in the fight, the fre gro was bruised and badly stabled. slave was confined in jail until last (day, when he received nine and thirty hardly know which came off worst, but both are "broken from sucking eggs." Mr. George W. Cooke, Dentist, ha misfortune to have his house burned d

supposed work of an incendiary, as it is second dwelling house which he has lost fire in a few months.

Our Circuit Court commences next w There is less business than usual, and I s pose fewer suits than at any previous for several years.

The Federal Court at Staunton. Since our last issue, the U. S. Distri

Court for the Western District of Virgilia

(then sitting,) Judge J. W. Brockenbrou presiding, was engaged in the trial of and case from Bath county. The case wa taken up on Saturday, and closed on Thurs day, after a most tedious and laborious sesion. It was an action of trespass on the cas instituted by the heirs of Jasper Cope, Philadelphia, against John P. Potter. Bath. During the progress of the evidence many delicate and difficult points of las were raised and discussed, that frequently called for rulings from the Judge, while were given with that clearness and precisso characteristic of all the legal opinions this learned jurist. The case was ably gued for two days-for Cope's heirs, as plaintiff, by Col. Baldwin, and for Pothe defendant, by W. Skeen, esq., of Por hontas, and Thos. J. Michie, esq., of t place. It was submitted to the jury on We nesday evening, who asked his Honor, Judg Brockenbrough, for instructions on sev points of law. The Judge on Thursday morning gave the required instructions a clear and precise, yet brief manner, atter which the jury retired, and in a few more utes returned with a verdict for the defen-

ant. Porter. The sittings of the Federal Court at Stand ton are always a source of congratulation t our citizens, as they generally bring free different parts of the Western portion of the State both strangers and friends, who givadditional life and animation to our usual

lively eity. Judge Brockenbrough is an eminent juris There is an unostentations dignity about his which wins the esteem of all and renders business world, while it detracts nothing from the high opinion universally entertain ed of the eminent abilities which h to grace and adorn the honorable position

occupies .- Staunton Vindicator. Horrible Accident from Fire. On Saturday morning a horrible affair transpired at the house No. 37 Roburg street in the western part of the city. The part of the house is occupied by a eman named John Stewart and his wife len, with a family of children. About o'clock on Saturday morning the wife but a fire on the hearth, and having occasion leave the house locked the door of the roo leaving two children, one three years

and the other cleven months, playing on floor. When she returned and entered to apartment, she found her oldest child, daughter, lying dead upon the hear burned to death. The other was burne from the knee to the ankle and on other parts of the body. Dr. Cox was called, and applied the usual remedies for the relief the survivor, and it is his opinion that the child will live. The cause of the acciden cannot be precisely ascertained, but it supposed that the children in playing wit the fire, set their clothes on fire. Corot Greentree held an inquest on the body of the deceased, Ann Rebecca, and the jury dered a verdict of accidental death. more Sun.

Fillibusters Going to the Mines.

The New Orleans correspondent of Charleston Courier says:—
"October 3, 1859.—General Walker certainly a hundred and fifty men are -fifty from Texas and a hundred from Ale bama-and they are all going to the Chi sire to revisit Nicaragua; they would not " much as put their noses on the frontier line of that benighted territory, whence-strang coincidence? has so recently and so luck! been bundled out the President who so

ceeded in bundling Walker out of the country. Our peaceful friends are going to mak their fortunes; they intend to dig for the g den images of the Aztecs!
"I met Gen. Walker the other day. II had on a suit of new store clothes, and the haps, I should not have notice! the man destiny. He looked at me and my compa nion-a lady-with his usual bold, impodent air; and his eyes shone as green and

glassy as ever." CLARKE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT.-Th Circuit Court for Clarke County commenced at Berryville, on Wednesday, Judge Parket

ment, a comparatively trivial case, in relation to dogging hogs; so pure and sound a the state of morals in the county.

There is not a case now depending in the

Circuit Court pertaining to the Comment and that was disposed of.

Heirs of Miss L. Littleton, deceased her Executors.—An action to quash the vaidity of the will of the deceased, by which

certain slaves were set free. In this ca-Messrs. Conrad and Traybern are cour sel for the plantiffs, and Messrs. Hunter McCormick and Moore for the defendands The trial excites considerable interest, and the case is being managed with more than the usual adroitness and skill of the bar. The plaintiffs are, of course, the hell

and the defendants the executors of the deceased. The parties reside in the Blue Ridge Mountains, except the executers, who reside in Loudoun county.-Clarke Journal